

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 4-7, 9-11, 14, and 16-19 without prejudice or disclaimer:

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A printing management apparatus for managing printing conditions in a plurality of image printing units which print images represented by image data, wherein data representing printing history is output from the image printing units and said apparatus comprises:

a reading unit for reading data representing the printing history output from the image printing units;

a format conversion unit for converting the data representing the printing history read by said reading unit to data having a predetermined format; and

an aggregating unit for aggregating, for each of the plurality of printing units, the data which represents printing history and the format of which has been converted by said format conversion unit.

13-19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) A printing management method for managing printing conditions in a plurality of image printing units which print images represented by image data, wherein data representing printing history is output from the image printing units and said method comprises:

reading data representing the printing history output from the image printing units;

converting the data representing the printing history read to data having a predetermined

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format; and

aggregating, for each of the plurality of printing units, the data which represents printing history and the converted data.

21. (Canceled)